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An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). As a courtesy, an electronic translation is being included with the Japanese publications. The Examiner in the corresponding Japanese patent application has commented as follows:

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The Reference A1 discloses a trackpad 20 (which is corresponding to “pointing device”). The surface of the trackpad 20 is common to the surface of the body 2 of the notebook PC 1. The input area of the trackpad 20 is able to recognize optically and/or provides different feeling.

The Reference A2 discloses that the input area is divided into plurality of areas for different inputting operations.

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